

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the enclosed terminal disclaimers. Claims 1-3 and 5-20 are currently in this case.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 and 5-20 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double-patenting over the claims of U.S. Patents 6,706,253, 5,639,443, and 6,258,339. The Examiner has acknowledged that the Applicant's have previously requested that the double patenting rejections be revisited when these rejections are the only remaining issue. The Examiner has stated that the double-patenting rejections remain. Accordingly, in response to these obviousness-type double-patenting rejections, the Applicant hereby respectfully submits three terminal disclaimers, disclaiming the terminal part of the statutory term of the instant application which would extend beyond these patents.

In view of the foregoing remarks and accompanying terminal disclaimers, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If allowance of this application may be expedited by resolution of simple issues through a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time in which to file this response. Thus, the \$450.00 extension for response within the second month is being made by credit card payment. The required credit card payment form is attached. If any other fees are due, the USPTO is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3329.

Respectfully submitted,

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